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## REPLY TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 9, 2006, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b.

Applicant's hereby claim, confirm and verify small entity status.

Other than the required fee of \$1000 in connection with the issue and publication fees and the required fee for patent copies in the amount of \$30.00, no additional fees are deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may now or hereafter be due for this application to GTC Biotherapeutics' Deposit Account No. 502092.

Applicant would like to note the filing of the Statement of Substance of Interview herewith.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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